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Recognizing the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association on the occasion of its 10th anniversary, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of South Carolina submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), completed in 1940, runs along the southeast coast of the United States from Norfolk, Virginia, to Miami, Florida, and measures 1088 miles long;

Whereas the AIWW was authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1937 to provide a safe inside navigation channel for commercial shipping, support for and encouragement of interstate commerce, and safe harbor and protection for shipping from inclement weather and war-time enemy attack;

Whereas although authorized to a depth of 12 feet mean low water, the AIWW has not been maintained in a satisfac-

tory manner and has controlling depths as shallow as 4 feet in some locations;

Whereas the lack of regular, adequate maintenance of the AIWW has created serious navigation hazards for commercial and recreational users;

Whereas if maintained at the authorized depth, the AIWW could serve as a safe, fuel efficient, and economical alternative to congested highways and rail lines for some cargo;

Whereas the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association was organized in 1999 to address the navigation challenges of the AIWW and to encourage the continuation and further development of waterborne commerce and recreation on the AIWW of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida;

Whereas since its founding, the Association has been a persistent and outspoken advocate for regular dredging and adequate maintenance to promote safe, cost effective navigation;

Whereas the Association has voiced the interests of commercial and recreational users of the AIWW, earning the title of “Voice of the Waterway”;

Whereas the Association promotes the AIWW as a vital marine highway along the Atlantic coast, providing safe navigation for commercial and recreational vessels;

Whereas the Association has been a consistent force for protecting the integrity of the AIWW and securing its reputation as an important economic engine for the Nation and the region; and

Whereas the Association has had many achievements over 10 years, including successfully advocating for—

(1) additional funds to be added annually to Federal and State budgets for waterway maintenance;

(2) economic studies to be conducted to show the economic importance of the waterway;

(3) the funding of a regional Dredged Material Management Plan for the waterway;

(4) the States to become more involved in waterway maintenance; and

(5) coordinating the many interested parties to work together for the waterway: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the Atlantic Intracoastal Water-
3 way Association on the occasion of its 10th anniver-
4 sary;

5 (2) commends the many achievements of the
6 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association; and

7 (3) encourages the Atlantic Intracoastal Water-
8 way Association to continue its tradition of excel-
9 lence in service to Waterway users.

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